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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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25X1 1. At 6:30 a.m. on 29 August, T-34 tanks [ ] 5 JSU 122-mm guns  
 25X1 [ ] and 7 boxcars with troops were loaded at the Dall-  
 Gow-Doeberitz (N 53/Z 65) railroad station. The wooden shed for vehicles in Neues  
 Lager north of Highway No 103 was empty. The concrete shelters were occupied by  
 about 25 T-34 tanks and 4 JSU 122-mm guns. (1)

25X1 2. After 15 August, an advance party of Unit Lieutenant Colonel Knottykov (fmu) wearing  
 red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia was observed in the quarters  
 of Unit Khlopov (fmu) in the Olympisches Dorf, 2 km west of Dosberitz-Altes Lager.  
 The advance party, which apparently had come from the area of Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67)  
 was still quartered there on 6 September. (2)

25X1 3. On 6 September, the barracks installation on Seeburgerstrasse in Gross Glienicke  
 (N 53/Z 64) was occupied by Volkspolizei, except for one building that quartered  
 25X1 the Soviet Border Guard Unit [ ]

25X1 4. In early September, source learned that, in August, the electricity consumption  
 of all units quartered in the Flugplatz Kaserne, Schoenwalde (N 53/Z 66), had  
 25X1 decreased by 70 percent over the preceding months. A colonel of an AAA unit, using  
 25X1 sedan [ ] was identified as commanding officer of the installation. (4)

25X1 5. On 28 August, the Panzer Kaserne on Seeburgerstrasse in Gross Glienicke was occupied  
 by Volkspolizei. No Soviet troops were observed there. (3)

25X1 6. During the period from 23 to 29 August, the cantonment in the restricted area of  
 Berlin-Karlshorst was occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore black-bordered  
 25X1 crimson epaulets. No training activity was noticed. [ ]

25X1 7. A foreman at the Wittstock (N 54/U 11) troop training grounds stated in early  
 September that the exercise of the troops quartered at the training grounds would  
 allegedly be completed in about 3 to 4 weeks. The informant also stated that the  
 units were to return to their posts 3 to 4 weeks earlier than during the preceding  
 years. (5)

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Comments.

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[redacted] the unit loaded probably belongs to the 1st [redacted] Div. It is assumed that elements were transferred to the Neustrelitz area for training purposes.

(2)

These observations confirm reports by other sources on the arrival of an advance party in Olympisched Dorf. [redacted] this advance party is believed to belong to the 2d Light Arty Brig (US) which was stationed in the Weisse Stadt in Oranienburg. Lieutenant Colonel Knottkov (fmu) is probably identical with Lieutenant Colonel Knochkov (fmu), reportedly regimental commander of one of the regiments of this brigade. Unit Khlopov is the 11th Gds AT Arty Brig of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. Rear units followed the bulk of the unit to the Templin troop training grounds in early August.

25X1 (3)

The barracks installation in Gross Glienick quarters a Grenzpolizeibereitschaft of the Ring-um-Berlin and Soviet Border Guard Unit [redacted] which is allegedly subordinate to the SCC.

(4)

The decrease in the consumption of electric current presumably resulted from the absence of elements of the 31st AAA Div and of the 90th RL Regt (US) stationed there.

(5)

A report from Oranienburg also indicated that the troops were expected to return in September.

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